whether Maharashtra Government have agreed to the institution of the probe;

(b) if so, the details of the report if any since submitted by CBI; and

(c) the details of the persons since apprehended both from within the country and abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A decision in principle has been taken to handover the inquiry to CBI and the agreement the Maharashtra Government to the institution of such probe by the CBI has been received.

(b) No report has been submitted by CBI so far.

(c) 142 persons have since been arrested in Maharashtra in connection with the bomb blast case. No arrest has been made abroad.

Eliminating terrorists fundamentalists nexus

334. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the annual conference of Director Generals and Inspector Generals of Police on May, 13, 1993 the Prime Minister called for maintenance of high alert to eliminate terrorists-fundamentalist noxus; and

(b) if so, what success has since been achieved in identifying, noticing and eliminating the precise nature and extent of nexus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The PM emphasised the need for high alert against the prime threats to national security like Terrorism, Fundamentalism and Drugs and Arms trafficking.

(b) The Centre has rendered full assistance to the State Governments in taking necessary steps to counter these threats. In Punjab a very significant success has been achieved in curbing terrorism and militancy and comprehensive and integrated measures are on to deal with the comulative threats referred to at (a) above in other areas as part of a continuing response.

Doctor-Prisoners nexus at Tihar Jail in Delhi

335. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a doctor-prisoner nexus at the Tihar Jail in Delhi has been idenified; facilitating crimes like abductions and kidnappings being managed from the jail by jail inmates and delay in culmination of trials being perpetrate;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the functioning of jail affairs and to clear up its administration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Delhi Administration has reported that no such nexus has come to its notice.

(c) Several measures have been taken by the Administration to improve the conditions in Tihar Jail including construction of more jails; augmentation of water supply; improvement in the sanitary conditions; improvement in the medical facilities; increased security arrangements; and educational and vocational training.

Establishing democratically elected Govt. in J & K

336. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision to assign greater role to the army in fighting terrorism in Kashmir and to hand over specified highly sensitive terorist-ridden areas in the valley has since been taken, to